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Re: SHPO concurrence for Degassification Wells G13-G17, Task No. 2580, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Dugout Canyon Mine, C0070039

Dear Mr. Seddon:

The Division received an amendment that proposes drilling G13-G17 degasification wells at the Dugout Canyon Mine. This project would add to the G1-G12 well series previously approved by the Division. The Division determined that the area of potential effect for this project is the G13-G17 drill hole sites and access roads.

This proposed project would be located in Carbon County, Utah, (Pine Canyon 7.5 Minute Quadrangle map). The legal description is Township 13 South and Range 13 East Sections 17, 18, and 19.

The following provides pertinent information that may be useful during the consultation process:

❖ Class III survey (Senulis, June 2001, SPUT 387)

➤ Areas surveyed

- G15: drill site would be on the road (see report map)
- G16: drill site would be in area "E" (see report map)
- G17: drill site would be on the road (see report map)

➤ Survey findings included:

- 42CB292: Senulis did not recommend as eligible for NRHP because site has been basically destroyed
- 42CB1595: Senulis did not recommend as eligible for NRHP because no additional information value
- 42CB1596: Senulis did not recommend as eligible for NRHP because no additional information value
- IF#1
- IF#2

❖ Class III survey (Senulis, June 2005, SPUT 493)

➤ Areas surveyed

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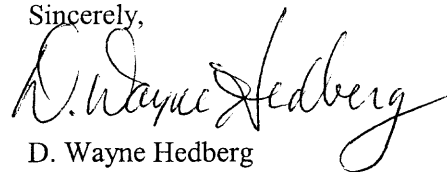
- G13: drill site would be on the road (see report map)
- G14: drill site would be the Dugo105 area (see report map)
- Survey findings included:
  - 42CB2435: Senulis did not recommend as eligible for NRHP because site is in poor condition

The operator has selected previously disturbed areas for most of this proposed project, with the exception of the G13 drill site (2.75 acres) and the access road that would lead to G16. The survey results support that these two areas would not be near any of the observed archeological resources. Although the proposed G17 drill site would be near 42CB1596, Senulis does not consider this site eligible for the NRHP. Senulis also concluded that it is unlikely that there are additional, unknown archeological resources in the project area. The Division, therefore, makes the determination that the G13-G17 project would have "no effect" to archeological resources.

The Division requests concurrence from the SHPO with our determination. A final decision concerning the proposed project will come after the Division receives a response from SHPO.

We would appreciate your response so we may proceed with the review process. If you have any questions about this project, please call me at (801) 538-5286, or Jerriann Ernstsens at (801) 538-5214.

Sincerely,



D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor

**Concurrence:** I concur with the determination made by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining that the proposed Dugout Canyon Mine Degas Drill Hole Project would not have an adverse effect on historic properties.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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